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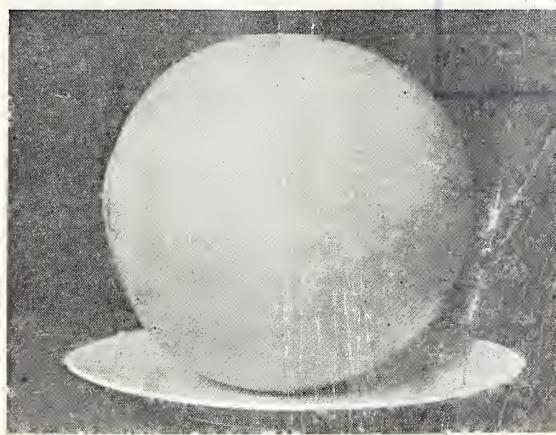
Every person planting watermelons wants the best. You get this result from these seeds, producing, as they do, a mammoth watermelon, dark green shell with bright, solid red flesh of exquisite sweetness. None other compare with it.

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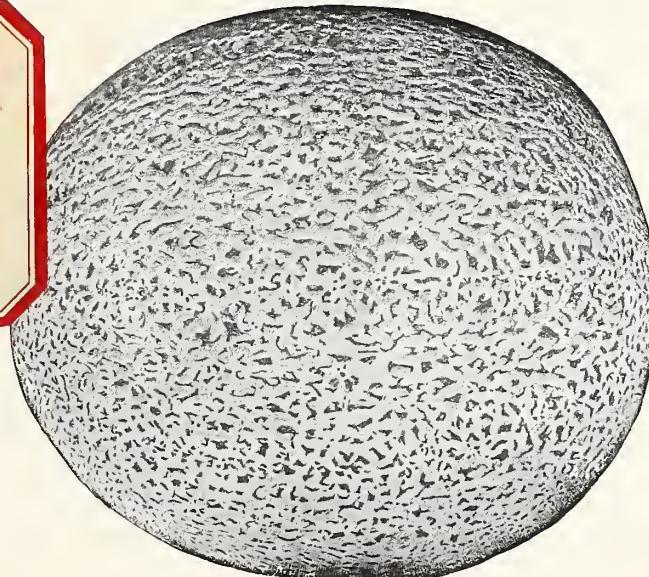
## H. Van Buskirk Seed Co.'s Vine Seed Supplement



HONEY DEW MELON

**HONEY DEW MELON**—One of the finest; a hybrid from soft shell Casaba and Rocky Ford cantaloupe. Rind smooth, when fully ripe, cream, waxy color in texture similar to ripe banana peeling; weighs from 5 to 8 pounds; flesh pea green, sweet and delicious like a good cantaloupe. Matures about ten days after cantaloupes. Oz., 35c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., \$1.00;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.75; 1 lb., \$3.00.

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EDEN GEM

One of the good strains of Rocky Ford solid net type. A great favorite with Southern growers. Very early and very prolific, fine grained and good flavor. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 40c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 75c; 1 lb., \$1.25.

### POLLOCK No. 25

This is an early melon, the solid net type, and is very desirable. Small seed cavity, with thick, luscious flesh of salmon tint shading to green at the rind. A splendid keeper and stands shipping well. One of the best salmon tint melons offered. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 80c; 1 lb., \$1.50.

**BURRELL'S GEM**—Very much like the Ferry's Defender or Osage. A superior orange fleshed shipping melon of splendid flavor; sweet, crisp and juicy to the rind; seed cavity very small; very prolific bearer and vines free from rust or blight. Oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.00; 1 lb., \$1.75.

**VAN BUSKIRK'S MUSKALOUPES**—This new cantaloupe is a cross between the muskmelon and the Rocky Ford cantaloupe. The rich, aromatic flavor, deep golden-salmon colored flesh, solid juicy meat, general beauty and quality of this prince of all melons is simply indescribable and delicious in the extreme.

Price of Van Buskirk's Muskaloupe Seeds: Oz., 35c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.25; 1 lb., \$2.00; 5 lbs., \$8.00.

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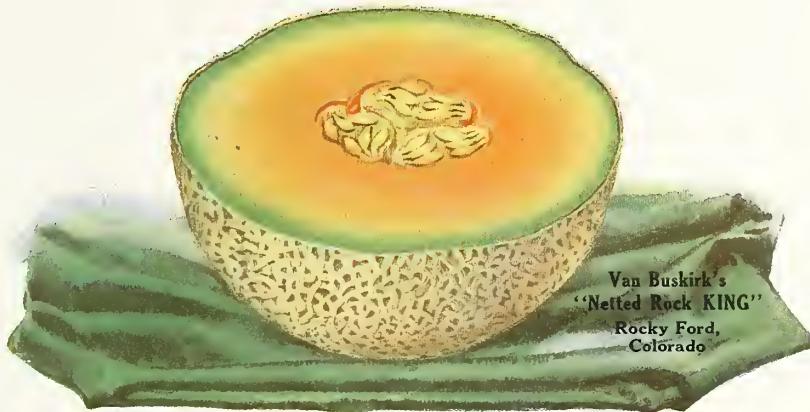
Account the request for conservation of paper, we are omitting our regular catalogue, but issuing this circular in its stead, and we ask you to write us for any information we do not give here.

We are offering the best seeds grown, making a specialty of cantaloupe, water-melon and cucumber.

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H. VAN BUSKIRK SEED CO.

### **Rocky Ford, Colorado**



**Van Buskirk's "Netted Rock King"**  
(Trademark)

**H**E ABOVE picture is a true representation of this melon. The water color from which this picture was made was painted direct from the fruit, and as near a true representation as the artist could make it. This cantaloupe is the result of eighteen years painstaking labor; our own propagation, being a cross between a Japanese sweet melon and the original Rocky Ford cantaloupe—the result a cantaloupe that is acknowledged to be superior to any other grown in all points making up a good melon. Small seed cavity, delicious sweet meat, containing more sugar by test than any other; flavor more delicate and delicious than any other melon known; our vines always free from rust; the best shipper of any cantaloupe grown; very early and producing fruit for a longer period than any other type. We get marketable melons earlier and later than has been possible for us to do with any other cantaloupe.

The netting is the most perfect and in keeping with the name ROCK, is hard and solid when ready for consumption, which accounts for its long-keeping qualities. Please bear in mind that the name "Netted Rock" was first used by the late Dr. Van Buskirk, who propagated this melon years ago. This name is now very common throughout the country, but it is used in connection with practically all types of Rocky Ford cantaloupes; thus in itself means little.

The King cantaloupe, as above described, is the highest type known to us, and we, having improved this melon for the past eighteen years, growing on our own lands under our own supervision (we own and operate four hundred acres of as fine irrigated land as we have in the valley, all close to Rocky Ford, besides many acres a little farther away); never selling a melon, but cutting the best for seed.

We each year ship a few crates to our friends in the Eastern States by local express to test the keeping qualities, always with the same result—carrying in perfect condition to New York City, Washington, D. C., and the New England States, which was done in each instance this year.

All shipments going via express and freight are sent out under seal. Postal laws will not permit this on parcel post shipments.

Do not be deceived by anyone in Rocky Ford offering this seed, as we grow this on our own lands, selling to no one here. Oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.50; lb., \$2.50.

## H. Van Buskirk Seed Co.

Rocky Ford Colorado



## Cucumbers

### VAN BUSKIRK'S CRYSTAL WAX CUCUMBERS

—The special points of this cucumber are sparkling whiteness, delicacy of flavor, perfect shape, earliness and scarcity of seeds. We know in Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax Cucumber we have a new cucumber that's worth having, worth growing, that brings joy to the grower and big profits to the planter. It is very shapely holding its rich green color throughout its entire length, which is very straight and symmetrical. It is one of those rare cucumbers, both in shape and quality, one you seldom find, and we are confident if you once grow this cucumber you will never be without it.

Price of Van Buskirk's Crystal Wax Cucumber: Oz., 25c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.50; lb., \$2.35; 4 lbs., \$8.00.

**NEW DAVIS PERFECT**—This cucumber resembles the hot house cucumber so closely that dealers cannot tell the difference, it being equally as good for hot house or outdoor culture. It is exceedingly tender, very few seeds and for table slicing cannot be surpassed. Oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 80c; 1 lb., \$1.50.

**BOSTON PICKLING**—Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; 1 lb., \$1.00.

**CHICAGO PICKLING**—Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; 1 lb., \$1.00.

**JERSEY PICKLING**—Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; 1 lb., \$1.00.

**SNOW'S PICKLING**—Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. 55c; 1 lb. \$1.00.

### VAN BUSKIRK'S IMPROVED NEW KLONDIKE

—The perfection of all the white spine varieties. The results of careful hybridizing and painstaking selection and breeding has brought out this excellent cucumber. It's a marvel in beauty and for the table it has no superior; very few seeds and will hold its beautiful green color for many weeks after taken from the vine. Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; lb., \$1.00.

**FIRST OF ALL**—This is the earliest cucumber ever grown; can be put on the market ten days earlier than any other cucumber. A white spine variety, very handsome and an extra good slicer; in fact, one of the table favorites. Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; lb., \$1.00.

**EARLY FRAME OR SHORT GREEN**—A popular early variety of medium size and good shape; good for small pickles. Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; lb., \$1.00.

**EARLY GREEN CLUSTER**—Short and prickly, bearing in clusters, prolific, fine for bottling. Oz., 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 30c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 55c; lb., \$1.00.

**IMPROVED LONG GREEN**—Long and crisp, one of the very best for the family garden, also popular and reliable for pickles. Oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 75c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., \$1.00; lb., \$1.75.

**ARLINGTON IMPROVED WHITE SPINE**—For market use and pickling it is superior to the old white spine. Our stock is the true Boston strain. Oz., 15c.,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb., 45c;  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb., 75c; lb., \$1.25.

**H**E H. VAN BUSKIRK SEED COMPANY is one of, if not the oldest seed house in Rocky Ford, having been established many years, and own and operate large tracts of the best irrigated and non-irrigated land in this district. We operate four hundred acres of the best irrigated land here, part of this being but one and a half miles from the city; other tracts farther away, from seven to twelve miles—more than twelve hundred acres all told. As you will realize, we are in a position to furnish the best seeds to be grown. Reliability unquestioned.